

Legal Notice

THE ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION WILL BE HOLDING

A PUBLIC HEARING

to discuss the design and possible road closures for

ILLINOIS ROUTE 338

A four-lane expressway study from

CARTHAGE TO MACOMB

and

A PUBLIC INFORMATIONAL MEETING

for

THE MACOMB AREA STUDY

Investigating bypasses around Macomb on

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 1997

at

EDISON JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL

521 SOUTH PEARL STREET IN MACOMB

FROM 5:00 P.M. TILL 8:00 P.M.

on

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at

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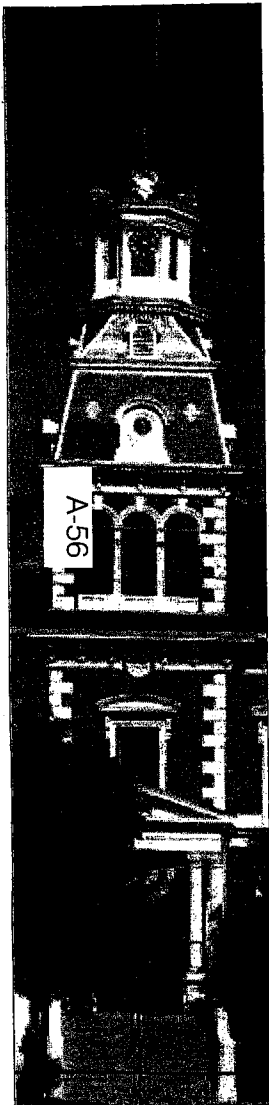
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OPEN HOUSE PUBLIC INFORMATIONAL MEETING

Macomb Area Bypass Illinois Route 336 (FAP 315) and U.S. Route 67 (FAP 310) McDonough County, Illinois

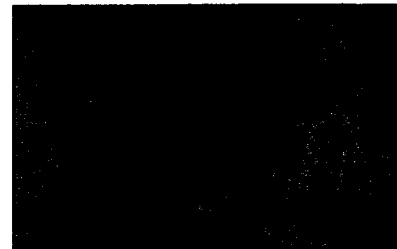
Date: November 5 and 6, 1997
Time: 5:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.



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Welcome to the public informational meeting on the Macomb Bypass project

This public informational meeting is being held so that the Illinois Department of Transportation can present information about the Macomb Bypass project, and hear your questions and comments. The exhibits present possible alignments for a four-lane divided highway around Macomb.



This meeting is conducted in an open house format. Please review the exhibits, they will give you important information about the project.

The exhibits on aerial photographs show possible alignments for the project.

The exhibits present preliminary alignments considered for a bypass around Macomb and the preliminary findings and recommendations of the planning process. The alternatives being studied are a "No Action" alternative and several "build" alternatives.

We want to hear from you. Please feel free to ask questions and express your opinions.

Because your input is important, there are several ways you may comment on the project.

- Illinois Department of Transportation personnel are present to answer your questions and receive your comments.
- A court reporter is also present to record your comments.
- On the last page of this brochure is a comment form, with a postage-paid envelope attached. Record your comments and mail them back to us.
- You may send additional comments to us at:

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D.E. Risinger, District Engineer
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Written comments received by November 17, 1997 will be included in the official record of the informational meeting.

Thank you for attending this informational meeting and for your interest in the project.

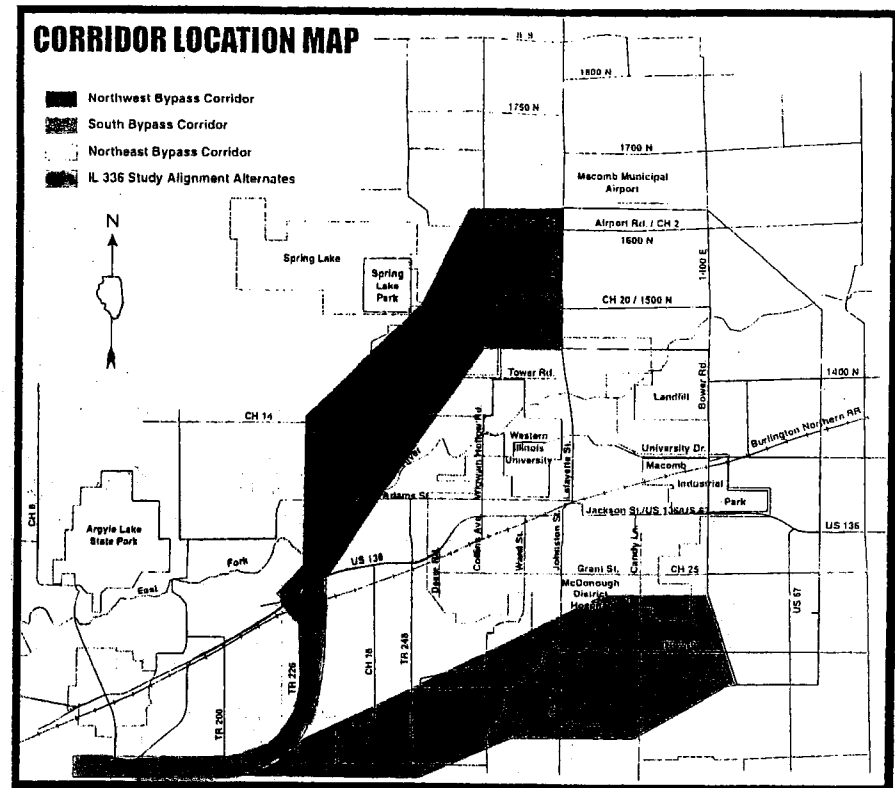
Need for Improvement

- **Better regional connections** - The project is part of a group of projects that will provide better highways to connect cities in western and central Illinois. The projects will complete an expressway system that will link Quincy, Macomb, Monmouth, Galesburg, St. Louis, and Springfield. The Macomb Area Bypass would link proposed four-lane highways on IL 336 (FAP 315) and US 67 (FAP 310) while permitting traffic to bypass the center of Macomb.
- **Better local travel** - The Macomb Area Bypass project will improve travel efficiency and safety. The project will improve travel times for travel around Macomb in several ways. The four-lane highway will provide more capacity, and reduce traffic delays. Grade-separations at selected crossroads and railroad crossings will eliminate delays, and will reduce the potential for accidents at these locations.
- **Employment** - The project will help the area retain employment by improving access to and through Hancock and McDonough Counties and connecting the area to a better regional highway network.

Project Description

The Illinois Department of Transportation has conducted a study of travel patterns around Macomb to determine potential bypass locations. Alternative approaches to the project have been developed, including a "No-Action Alternative" and several alternatives that would result in construction of a new roadway. The "No-Action Alternative" consists of retaining the current alignments of US 67 and US 136 through Macomb and maintaining the existing roadways.

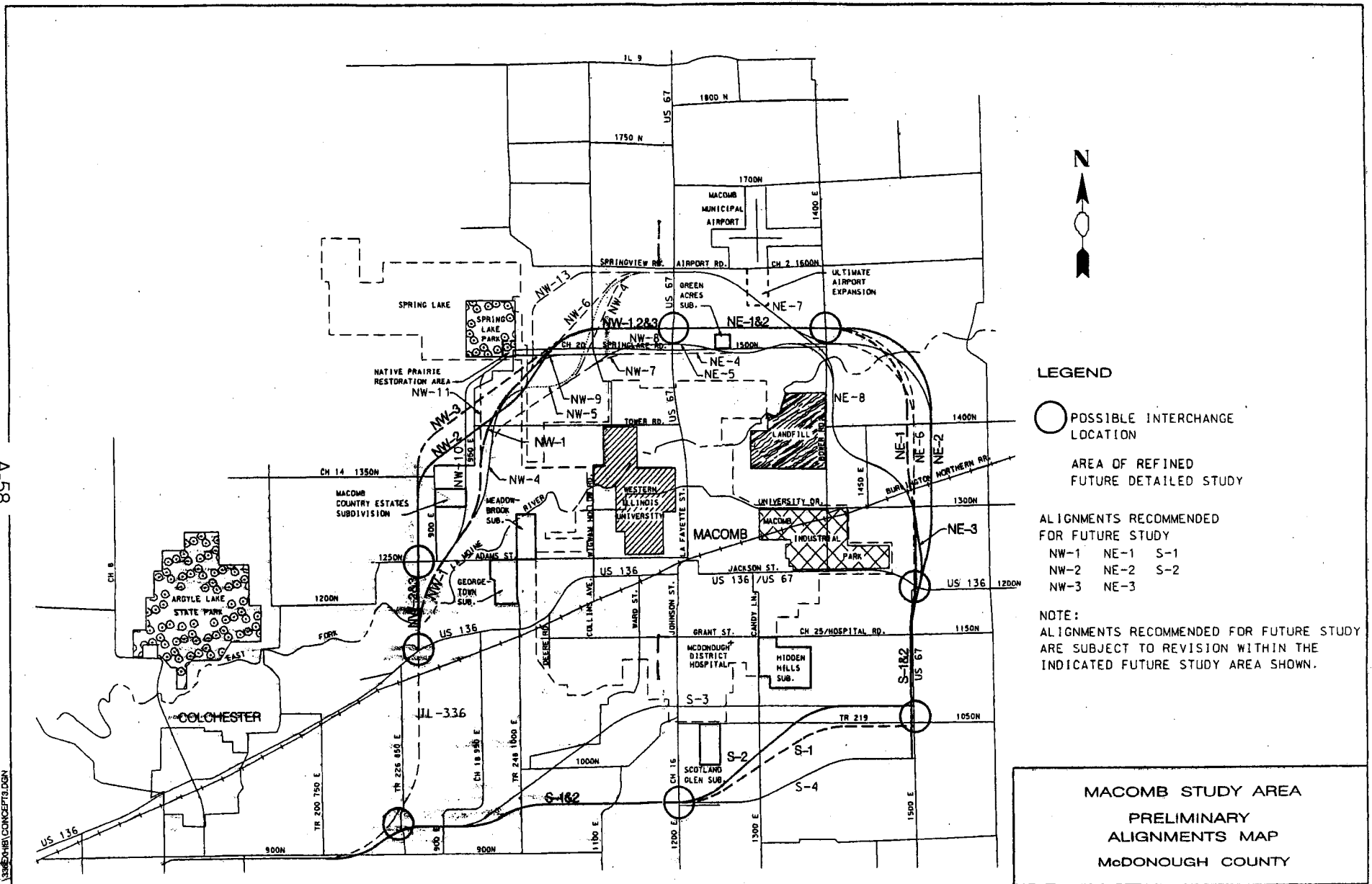
Macomb bypass alternates include a combination of alignments in the northwest and northeast corridor or the south and northeast corridor. Several alignments within the study corridors were studied to assess general environmental and engineering aspects after which the less desirable alignments were tentatively dropped. The location of alignments studied and recommended preliminary alignments to study further are shown on the Preliminary Alignments Map. The preliminary alignments recommended for future study are subject to revision within the indicated future study area shown.



Project Location

The project involves a study corridor extending approximately 4.8 kilometers (3 miles) in each direction from the center of Macomb. As shown on the Corridor Location Map, the study encompasses three study corridors: northwest, northeast, and south. Build alternates for a bypass include a combination of the northwest

with the northeast corridor or the south with the northeast corridor. The proposed project would be constructed as a four-lane divided highway around the selected portions of Macomb with interchanges at state routes and major intersecting roads.



The Illinois Department of Transportation, under provisions of the Federal Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act of 1970 and Sections 3-107 and 4-511 of Chapter 121 (Illinois Highway Code) of the Illinois Revised Statutes, will provide relocation assistance to all eligible relocated persons on a highway project.

A-59 If you are required to move as a result of a highway construction project, whether as an owner or tenant, you will be eligible for moving assistance, supplemental replacement housing payments, and reimbursement for certain expenses incurred in purchasing replacement housing.

It is the policy of the State of Illinois to guarantee that displaced persons receive fair and equitable treatment, and do not experience potential hardships as a result of a highway project design for the benefit of the public. Any person, family, business, or farm displaced by a highway project shall be offered relocation assistance services for locating suitable replacement property. Relocation payments and advisory assistance are offered in addition to the State's payment for real property.

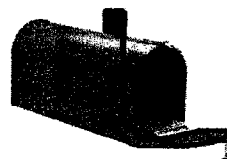
Relocation assistance agents with the Department of Transportation are available tonight and at our offices to answer your questions.

IDOT will review and evaluate the public input received at the hearing, and will respond to comments received.

In the coming months, more detailed analysis will be performed for the alternatives. The analysis will consider factors including costs, potential impacts, engineering feasibility, and the relative merits of each alternative.

A Location Design Report and an Environmental Impact Statement will be prepared to document the analysis.

A preferred approach for the improvement will be presented at the next public hearing.



We encourage you to make your views a part of the official record. The Illinois Department of Transportation is providing the attached postage-paid envelope and this page for you to send us your comments on the proposed project. Written comments received within ten days after this meeting will be included in the official record and will receive equal consideration along with the statements received at this meeting. Space is provided on this page for you to provide comments.

My comments are:

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Land Acquisition Comment Sheet

If any portion of your property is being acquired as a result of this project, we encourage you to comment on this sheet. Please provide your name, address, and phone number below along with any comments.

My comments are:

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Please print:

Name _____
Address _____
City _____ Zip Code _____
Home Phone () _____ Work Phone () _____

Owner ☐ Tenant ☐

**Macomb Bypass Informational Meeting
Public Comment Summary**

Meetings : November 5, 1997, in Macomb, and November 6, 1997, in Carthage

Ref No.	Name	Address (shown if stated, locations in [] are assumed by staff)	Summary of Comments	Stated Preference ¹				General Response	
				NW	NE	g	No Build	Positive	Negative
Four (4) comment sheets from Comment Box									
1	Marshall, Sue	RR 2 Colchester 62326	Favors NW Bypass to serve through traffic better and for access to Industrial Park and WIU. Wants use of "low impact sodium lights" at interchanges	+					X
2	Gardner, Hal (Sierra Club Board Member)	Box 418 Brimfield, IL 61517	No development of NW-1 – contains candidate plant species (Cirsium hillii). Favors S-1 and S-2 for lower environmental impacts.		+				X
3	Traser, Scott	11255 N 950th Rd Macomb 61455	"Vehemently against" the South Bypass due to impact to his property.		-				X
4	Chamberlain, Richard	9700 E 750 Colchester 82326	Favors NW Bypass for access to WIU. Wants lighting of interchanges to be "minimum" and "non reflecting to the night sky or sodium lights"	+					
Sixteen (16) oral statements to court reporter during the November 5, 1997 meeting in Macomb									
5	Hart, Richard	South Johnson Rd Macomb	Curious about any widening on Johnson Rd						
6	Corson, John		Favors S-1 and S-2. Feels it has less environmental impact			+			
7	Barklay, Roger L.		Highly opposed to the Bypass "environmentally speaking". Can't see having a bypass since US 136 widened in town.	-	-	-	X		X
8	Henry, Bob	Macomb	Favors No Build. Tie expressway into existing 4-lane roads through Macomb. If build, then favors South as "least disturbed" environmentally.	-	+	+			
9	Franks, Ed		Favors South Bypass, less impacts on owners, residences & woodlands; less traffic noise impact. NW alignments are close to existing subdivisions.	-		+			
10	Henry, Alice	Macomb	Dislikes NW-1 due to environmental impacts. Favors South and NE since it is closer to the businesses and industrial park.	-	+	+			
11	Palm-Gessner, Cathy		Opposes NW-4 bypass due to woodland and residential impacts. Favors South bypass as it is a more direct route to the hospital and industrial area, including Envirofill.	-		+			
12	Gessner, Robert		Opposes NW bypass - environmental impacts and proximate to many residences, and future traffic noise. Favors South bypass as it is closer to the hospital, and industrial development.			+			
13	Standard, Bill		There are too many existing at-grade RR crossings. Be sure they are grade separated.						

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14	Ovitt, Margaret		Prefers South bypass versus North bypass	-	-	+		X
15	Chenoweth, Sharon		Concerned over the loss of prime farmland to development. States that there is an unmarked cemetery close to "one of the three bypasses [by] the Parkins [theirs]", and a tombstone in the woods near McEntire or across from Howard Settle's house.					
16	Covey, Frank	16 Grandview Dr [Macomb County Estates], Macomb	Suggests a wildlife pass, especially for deer for NW-1					
17	Howe, Tim	Macomb	Prefers South bypass - feels it has least impacts to people and wildlife. It also provides "quicker" access to the hospital and industrial park. Wants to see roadside areas landscaped.			+		X
18	Cunningham, Cathy		Favors South bypass - uses farmland rather than rougher terrain on north. Concerned about road closures with the north bypass.			+		X
19	Axey, Steve		Currently lives at the end of a dead-end road (not identified) "on the edge of a corridor". Has concerns for children's safety and loss of peaceful areas and resale value on his property. "I'd rather the project go right through my livingroom than [near miss]"			-		X
20	Thompson, Harold	11088 N 950th Rd [Macomb]	Owens the Evelyn McCann land [as shown on exhibit]. Opposed to South bypass [Green line] as it would impact his storage buildings and house under construction.			-		
Three (3) oral statements to court reporter during the November 6, 1997 meeting in Carthage								
21	Hillyer, Geri		Complimented Minga and Richart on their assistance to help him understand the project.					
22	Henry, Bob	Macomb	Opposes all NW bypass alignments. Favors South bypass due to less environmental impact. Need to mitigate "fragmentation".	M-	M	M+		
23	Henry, Alice	Macomb	Restated opposition to all NW bypass alignments due to high environmental impacts [gave statement on 11/5/97 as well]	M-	M	M+		
Twenty-eight (28) written statements received by IDOT District 4 from 11/7/97 to 12/12/97								
24	Franks, Edwin	8495 N 1250th Rd Colchester	Favors South Bypass over NW due to less woodland and noise impacts. Stated that exhibit didn't show Stratford West Condos along 900E near 1300N; and Flint Hills on CH 14 - 1/2 mile west of NW-2 corridor.	M-		M+		

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25	Axley, Stephen	12480 N 950th Rd Macomb	Very opposed to S-1 and S-2; would ruin their "quiet property" (Also made oral statement on 11/5/97 in Macomb)			M-			M
26	Mason, Dale & Wilma	9700 E 1300th St. Macomb	Complimented staff on answers to their questions about Bypass Study during the 11/5/97 meeting in Macomb						
27	Collins, Edward M.	1301 Stacy lane Macomb	Favors South Bypass as it will serve WIU (W Jackson St. connection) and industrial park better. Feels NW bypass undesirable: environmental impacts	-		+			
28	Gessner, Robert V.	41 Flag Rd. Macomb	Opposes NW bypass - impacts on wildlife & subdivisions. Prefers S bypass - less impact to wildlife & subdivision. Growth for S bypass can be planned to compliment it. Also S bypass provides better access to hospital, industrial, & large retailers	M-		M+			
29	Palm-Gessner, Catherine A.	41 Flag Rd. Macomb	Opposes NW bypass - impacts to environment, subdivisions, possibly more public relations and political problems. Prefers S bypass - allows for more orderly development, serves hospital, and large retailers better	M-	M	M+			
30	Hassan, M.H.	12705 E 900th Street, Macomb	Opposes NW bypass, Favors S bypass, S-1 or S-2 "with connection to NE-2 & NE-1&2"	-	+	+			
31	Diehl, Virginia	10065 E 1200th St Macomb	Opposes S and NE bypass. Feels it would add extra miles for traffic from west of Macomb continuing to points north of Macomb, and vice-versa.		-	-			
32	Robb, Walker	17 Grandview Dr. Macomb	Was unable to attend meetings. He requested copies of the handouts and aerial exhibit. IDOT responded on 11/18 by mailing copies of the handouts, and offering to let Mr. Robb view the exhibits at District 4.						
33	Early, Cathy	10065 E 1200th St Macomb	Favors NW bypass, especially for traffic going from north to west, & vice-versa. Thinks that if S bypass is built, then west to north traffic will use Johnson St. through Macomb, thereby requiring widening, etc. on Johnson St.	+	-	-			
34	Bricker, Ronald C.	1240 Emory Road Macomb	Opposes NW bypass, especially since one alignment severs his property. Also feels that the NW bypass doesn't connect to US 67 and US 136 in the most "practical place". Favors S to NE bypass, thinks it will cost less due to less rugged terrain.	-	+	+			X

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36	Henry, Bob	24 Grandview Dr Macomb	Opposes NW bypass, Favors S bypass. States he didn't see discussion of "no action" alt. Should mitigate ecosystem and wildlife fragmentation by "tunnels" and "compatible roadsides".	M-	M	M+			
37	Hermann, George W. & Mary	12685 E 900th Street Macomb	Thinks NW-1 just misses their property and would decrease their property value, and interfere with their view of the LaMoine river. Favors South bypass for most "efficient" access to US 67 south and US 136 east, and close access to the industrial park.	-		+			
38	Morey, Robert	51 Flag Rd. Macomb	Opposes "N" bypass as it will affect "more residences, farmland, woodland and wildlife." Favors S bypass - feels it less disruptive and closer to the hospital.	-		+			
39	Lindehl, Tim	660 Flint Road Macomb	Favors S bypass - will allow better access to the major businesses on the east edge of Macomb. Points out the subdivisions and woodland in the NW quadrant.	-		+			
40	Walker, Dana [VP of Environmentally Concerned Citizens of the Macomb Area (ECC)]	900 S Randolph St. Macomb	ECC supports the "No Action" alternative. They recognize the need for improvements to the "highway between Macomb and Colchester".				X		X
41	Wade, David	220 W Franklin Monmouth 81462	Supports the NE bypass, but has "concerns" about the NW bypass		+			X	
42	Zoerink, Dean A. [Scotland Glen Homeowners Assn.]	Macomb	Supports "northerly" alignment - better access to WIU & airport, better connection to Monmouth & Galesburg via US 67 north. Opposes S bypass	+		-			
43	Cummings, Thomas G. and Linda S.	Macomb	Opposes S bypass - disturbs Horn Lodge (field campus of WIU: NW 1/4 NE 1/4 Sec 13 T5N R3W) and wildlife living there. The bypass would go "through...or close to [their] house". Most important is that it would go past the Jr./Sr. High, and MacArthur School. Favors a "route north of Macomb".	+	+	-			
44	Williams, Carolyn	9450 E 1200th St Macomb	Favors "N" bypass as it would serve WIU better. If S bypass is chosen "...do me the favor of taking all of my property."	+					

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